(b) Adult Education under the National Literacy Mission. Universalisation of Elementary Education and Non-formal Education for school drop-outs constitute a three pronged strategy to reduce illiteracy in the State of Bihar.

In Bihar 18 districts have been covered under the Total Literacy Campaigns and four districts under the Post Literacy Campaign. In addition, the Bihar Education Project is being implemented since 1991-92 funded jointly by UNICEF, Government of India and Government of Bihar. As of now, 7 districts have been covered under the Project. Essential infrastructure in Primary Schools is being created under Operation Blackboard. Teacher competence is sought to be improved through continuous teacher training and access to education enhanced through Non-Formal Education.

Statement

Names of Districts in Bihar which have a Literacy rate below National Average

S.No.	Name of District
1.	Nalanda
2.	Bhojpur
3.	Rohtas
4.	Aurangabad
5.	Jehanbad
6.	Gaya
7.	Nawada
8.	Saran
9.	Siwan
10.	Gopalganj
11.	Paschim Champaran
12.	Purba Champaran
13.	Sitamarhi
14.	Muzzaffarpur
15.	Vaishali
16.	Begusarai
17.	Samastipur
18.	Darbhanga
19.	Madhubani
20.	Saharsa
21.	Madhepura
22.	Purnia
23.	Katihar
24.	Khagaria
25.	Munger
26.	Bhagalpur
27.	Godda
28.	Sahibganj
29.	Dumka
30.	Deoghar
31.	Giridhi
32.	Hazaribag
33.	Palamu
34.	Lohardaga
35.	Gumla
36.	Ranchi
37.	Paschimi Singhbhum
38.	Araria
39.	Kishanganj

Subsidy on indigenously produced Urea

*99. SHRI P. UPENDRA:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that subsidy on indigenously produced Urea comes to about Rs. 2500 a tonne, while in case of imported Urea it is of the order of Rs. 5,700 a tonne;

(b) the import target for Urea in the current year;

(c) the Urea consumption during the last three years and imported quantum of the same; and

(d) the total subsidy paid during the last year and estimated subsidy during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV): (a) Based on the prevailing retention prices and freight subsidy rates, the subsidy on indigenously manufactured urea during 1994-95 worked out to Rs. 2232 per tonne. In the case of imported urea, as per the contracts signed during 1994-95,

the subsidy works out to Rs. 3643/-per tonne.

(b) The gap between indigenous availability and assessed demand for urea is met through imports.

(c) The details of consumption and import of urea during the last three years are as under:

(Lakh tonnes)

Year	Consumption	Imports (on Govt. account)
1992-93	149.06	18.57
1993-94	158.10	28.08
1994-95 (Estimated)	172.80	28.70

(d) During 1994-95, there was a total expenditure of Rs. 5241.02 crores on fertilizer subsidy in respect of controlled fertilizers. For the current year, a Budget provision of Rs. 5400 crores has been made for the same purpose.

National Watershed Development Project

*100. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Watershed Development Project for rainfed areas has not made enough progress;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what progress, year-wise, since 1990-91-to-date have been made/financial allocation utilised and results achieved, State-wise; and

(d) whether States were apprised by the Centre of the objectives of the project and required funds for execution of NWDP ensured/provided to them, if so with what result?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) and (b) The National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPRA) has made significant progress since its inception in the year 1990-91.

Under the Project, 115 model watersheds, one in each of these agro-climatic zones in the country, have been accorded technical approval by the Ministry. The rest of the watersheds have been patterned on these model watersheds. In all 2497 micro whatersheds have been sanctioned so far.

(c) The Year-wise and State-wise statements of physical and financial progress are at Annexure (*See* Appendix 174, Annexure No. 18)

(d) Yes, Sir. The States have been apprised of the objectives of the project and required funds for execution of the project have been provided. Till date, Rs 712.808 crores have been released to 25 States and 3 Union Territories and a total of 2,497 micro-watersheds covering an area of over 40.35 lakh hectares are under various stage of development.

Delegation to Australia and Japan to Study the mining system

604. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether a three members delegation of his Ministry had recently paid a visit to Australia and Japan;

(b) if so, whether any in-depth study of the mining system and use of latest technologies in these countries has been made;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the other achievements made by the delegation during their visit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (d). Yes, Sir. A three member delegation of Ministry of Steel headed by me visited